

MAKE A BIRD BATH

Stuff you'll need

- A shallow, watertight bowl, like an old plate, a large circular plant tray, or an upturned lid from a bin or a pan.
- Some stones or gravel.
- Four bricks, large stones or another platform to raise the bowl up if it doesn't have a base.

Step-by-step guide

1. Place your platform in an area where birds will have a good all-round view and can dart into cover if they need to. If you have cats or if they visit your patch, make sure there is nowhere they can hide within pouncing distance.

2. Put your bowl on top of the platform. Make sure it's stable.

3. Put some pebbles or rocks in the water to give birds a better grip.

4. Fill your bird bath with water and watch birds flock to your patch!





TOP TIPS FOR PROVIDING WATER FOR WILDLIFE

1. Grab free/low cost pebbles/rocks/sand/gravel/plants for your water features by asking on your local Facebook group or checking out sites like <u>Gumtree</u> and <u>Freecycle</u>.

2. Put water in a place that you can easily see so you can observe all the wildlife you're attracting to your patch!

3. Clean and fill your baths, ponds and puddles regularly.

4. When it's cold, check your water for freezing and break the ice when you need to. When the weather is very hot, you may need to fill it up more frequently.





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